

January 26, 2020
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome Child of God!

*No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,
No matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality, or marital situation,
No matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue,
You belong to Jesus Christ and you belong to us!
You are invited, accepted and respected here at the Parish of Saint Thomas More.*

*Take our hands, Lord Jesus, leading us in courage to confront with courage the forces which oppress and divide.
Take our hearts, Lord Jesus, and open them to the truth which will set others free.
Accompany us on our way, Lord Jesus, as we seek to share our Roman Catholic faith and life in your Spirit.*

Winter Greetings

It is always a delight hearing from graduated UNH students who worshiped with us during their years in the community. Colin Greeley, class of 2019, working in Maui, remembers the hospitality of our parish in the message that follows:

Hi, Father Andy,

This is Colin Greeley. I used to be a UNH student who was a regular at the 9:00 am or 11:15 am Mass on Sundays and I graduated last May. You gave me the lovely picture of Thompson Hall as a going away gift. I am so sorry that I have not been in any contact since graduation. I hope all is well at the Parish. I really do miss you and the lovingness I always felt whenever I walked in those Church doors. I am currently in Maui for the winter working with the Pacific Whale Foundation on their whale watch boats. I am currently loving it out here, but I do plan on coming home to the Boston area around April or May. I do plan on coming up to UNH as soon as I am home to visit friends and I do plan on stopping by St. Thomas More for Mass or pop my head in to say hello. I have also found a Parish here in Maui called St. Theresa's of Kihei and it is making me feel right at home, just like St. Thomas More does! I don't have a lot of pictures on me right now of Maui to send but will gladly send some when I do if you would like. Once again, I hope all is well and I will keep you and the Parish in my prayers!



*Sincerely,
Colin Greeley*

Blessings on Colin and all who bless us by the gift of their presence.

L'Shalom - in peace,
Fr. Andrew

CHURCH OF SAINT THOMAS MORE

*A Community of Parish & University Ministry
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OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9am - 3pm; Weds, 9am - 1pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday at 12:10pm.

Food Pantry: Thurs 4-6pm

February 2: The Presentation of the Lord

Reading I: Malachi 3:1-4

Reading II: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40



For January 25th – 26th

Saturday, 5pm – † Kevin Kearney

Sunday, 9am – † Dorothy Forni-Rush

Sunday, 11:15am – † Joseph Helio (1st Anniv)

For February 1st – 2nd

Saturday, 5pm – † John McDonnell (1st Anniv)

Sunday, 9am – † Louis Cloitre (1st Anniv)

Sunday, 11:15am – † Maggie Nicoloff

Second collection next weekend

..is for the Diocesan Catholic Schools.

Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

**Average Weekly Regular Offertory Amount Needed
to Meet Our Annual Budget = \$5,234**

Offertory for Jan 12: \$ 4653

Offertory for Jan 19: \$ 3189

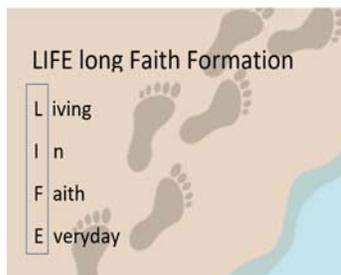
Seminarian Fund: \$ 1048

Give and it shall be given to you.” - Luke 6:38

Thank you for your generous contributions.

LIFE LONG FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Classes resume on **Sunday, Feb 2nd** after the 9:00 am Mass (10:00am). Children will have class in their classrooms and Adult Faith Formation will be offered in the gym. Sr. Helene Higgins will present on the topic of prayer. All adults are welcome to join us



Middle School Faith Formation

The next session is **Feb 10** (no January classes) from 6-7:30pm.

High School Youth Ministry



Life Teen: Sunday, Feb 9; 6-8pm (snacks)

Catholic Charities NH ~ 75th Anniversary Celebration

The Ice Ball



Saturday, February 15
DoubleTree by Hilton (Manchester)

The evening will celebrate our powerful past and promising future with a cocktail reception, dinner and dancing within a beautiful and festive atmosphere. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.cc-nh.org/iceball or call 603-669-3030.



Story Time at St Mary Academy!

A free weekly, faith-based story time for toddlers and their caregivers. Stories, songs, crafts, and camaraderie that will nurture faith in our youngest of saints!

We will meet **every Tuesday at 9am** (except for February and April vacation or snow days/delays) at St Mary Academy Preschool Bldg (110 Locust St in Dover)

Game Night Potluck Friday, March 13 6pm



Dust off your board games as the Fellowship committee is hosting a Game Night Potluck! Mark your calendars for Friday March 13th at 6pm in the Student Center Gym. Signup will arrive closer to the date.

Last weekend's collections...

Thank you so much for your generous support of all three collections last weekend: The Diocesan Seminarian Fund, Food for the Poor, and our regular collection.

Thank you!

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on



Tuesday, Feb 4 at 11am
in the STM Library

200 CLUB

Time for charter members of the 200 Club to renew subscriptions!!



If you are a charter member of the 200 Club, your subscription will **expire** in January of 2020.

Please consider renewing your membership for 3, 6 or 12 months, at a cost of \$50, \$100 or \$200 respectively. Payment for your renewal is due at the parish office by **3:00 PM on Thursday, February 27th** in order to be included in the second anniversary drawing that will take place at the **March 17th St. Patrick's Day dinner**. Don't miss out on a chance to win the special prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$100 at this anniversary drawing!

Renewal/New Membership envelopes are available at the entrances to the church, in the foyer of the Catholic Student Center, and in the hallway going into the church hall. The completed renewal form and check can be mailed to the STM parish office at 6 Madbury Rd., PO Box 620, Durham, NH 03824 or simply dropped in the collection basket or the lock box at the back of the church.

For additional information contact Tom Dolan at tomdolan84@hotmail.com or 603-767-3578



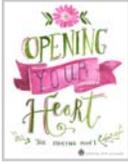
Come support the UNH Catholic Student Organization's alternative spring break trip to Bethlehem Farm on **Monday February 10th** at **The Community Oven in Epping, NH** at Brickyard Square (Old 900 Degrees). A percentage of sales from **5 PM to 9 PM** that night will benefit our trip, the more people who come the more we make!

First 50 pizzas → We earn 5% of sales
50 - 80 pizzas → We earn 10% of sales
80+ pizzas → We earn 15% of sales

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(603) 734-4543

Thanks in advance for your support! Feel free to contact Ryan Cornelissen, Campus Minister with questions at: unhstm@gmail.com.

Thank you to all the women who joined us for our Connect Coffees!



Walking with Purpose: Women's Bible Study

What Does the Sacrament of Penance have to do With My Friendship with Christ?

Please join us this week for a closer look at the Sacrament of Penance and how it can bring us even closer to our Truest Friend, Jesus Christ. No experience necessary, come as you are and join in anytime!

Thurs, Jan 30 at 10:30am (STM Student Center Library)

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." (Isaiah 43:1)

Walking with Purpose is held weekly Oct - May. For more info: Michelle Dunbar at STMDurhamWWP@gmail.com or 498-2778.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Journey to the Easter Sacraments

Please pray for Alex & Derek, our Catechumens seeking Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and being Sent for the Rite of Election with Bishop Libasci on March 1st at the Cathedral.

They join Candidates Kyle & Walter, joining the Catholic Church, and Gil & Gustavo, Danielle, Lucas & Pat as they continue their formation in preparation to receive Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Our parish community is truly blessed!

If you are interested in joining the Catholic church, **BEGIN THE CONVERSATION** with Roberta MacBride stmpastoralmin@comcast.net ~ 603-868-2666 x115



Coffee & Donuts



February 9 March 1 March 29 May 3

Parishioners are welcome to **bring food** to Coffee & Donuts events, and such contributions are much appreciated.

It would be wonderful if we receive the food contributions around **8:45 a.m.** Thank you.

Care for Creation

Australian fires have incinerated the habitats of up to 100 threatened species



"We renew our call for insistent prayer for those stricken by drought and fire, for those who have lost their lives in the fires and their families, for rain to quench the parched land and extinguish the fires, and for urgent action to care for our common home in order to prevent such calamities in the future. . . A genuinely Catholic response to a crisis of this magnitude must draw strength from prayer which inspires concrete and compassionate action."

- Archbishop Mark Coleridge, President of Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

STM Recycles!

With its recycling "eco-bins," the Vatican is currently at 98% of sorted waste. Thanks to STM staff member Pat Murphy, St. Thomas More parishioners can also step up to help the planet by using the bright blue recycling bins now stationed in STM buildings.

Please help streamline the effort by following the disposal instructions provided at the bin stations.

Recycling reduces the amount of energy required to manufacture materials (as compared to manufacture with virgin inputs) and leads to avoided greenhouse gas emissions.

The Lord God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it.
- Genesis 2:15



STM Card Ministry

The cold and gloom of winter can be a difficult time for those whose lives have been turned upside down in the loneliness of being homebound; worry of going through a difficult illness or injury; the grief of losing a precious loved one; or other loss.

If you know of someone who would be lifted up by a Card greeting of love, hope, encouragement, consolation and peace, please contact Roberta MacBride at 868-2666 x115 or stmpastoralmin@comcast.net.

CARING & SHARING



For this week the Pantry needs are:

Meal Helpers - Manwich, Hamburg/Tuna Helpers, Taco Shells, Juices, canned carrots, tomato sauce, tomato paste

Thanks!!



UNH Campus Ministry SPRING 2020– Vol. 1

Welcome back students and happy new year all!

Did you happen to set any New Years resolutions that involve spending more time in prayer or giving back through service? If so, you are in luck! Check our weekly bulletin or our monthly calendars to see upcoming events being hosted by Catholic Campus Ministry at STM!

Peace,
Ryan Cornelissen– unhstm@gmail.com
Campus Minister

Collaborative College Retreat! 2/15

Save the date for **Saturday February 15th** in Concord, NH at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish for our annual collaborative retreat with students from other New Hampshire colleges! This year’s theme is:

“Love”

We will be looking at the three main types of love that are referred to in our sacred scripture and how we are called to incorporate each into our lives in different ways! Food will be provided and student car-pools will be arranged! Contact Ryan for more info at unhstm@gmail.com!

Alternative Spring Break Trip Fundraiser!- Monday Feb 10th!

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Weekly Events!

SUNDAY– 1/26

5 PM– Student Mass
St Thomas More Church

6 PM– Student Supper
St Thomas More Student Center

TUESDAY– 1/28

1 PM– Community Lunch
Holloway Commons Dining Hall

WEDNESDAY– 1/29

7:15 PM– Catholic Student Org (CSO)
MUB 334

FRIDAY– 1/31

6:00 PM– Combined Men’s and
Women’s Group Dinner at HoCo

7:00 PM– Women’s Group, Men’s
Group (Contact for location info)



CROSS
ROADS
HOUSE

Upcoming Cross Roads House Service!

Cook– Sunday Feb 9th–
1 to 3:30 PM

Serve– Tuesday Feb 11th
– 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM

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Help Us Support A Neighborhood Cause Each
Community Monday!